AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the original title and insert the following new title:

ILLUMINATION DEVICE WITH LINEARLY-MOVEABLE BRIGHTNESS ADJUSTING MEANS

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 9, with the following:

For a visual representation of the adjusted brightness, as indicated in Fig. 2, the clip 10 is provided with four circular holes 16 arranged parallel to the longitudinal axis of the main body 1. They have a diameter increasing in the direction away from the incandescent light bulb 5. A small area of the operating element positioned directly underneath the holes 16 [[6]] is provided with a color, for example, a red marking 17 (see Fig. 4). When the operating element 11 is now in the position illustrated in Fig. 1 in which current flow is interrupted, the marking is not visible, as shown in Fig. 2. All four holes 16 have the same color. In the current flow position with minimal illumination,

i.e., in the current supply state of the device shown of Fig. 3, the movement of the operating element 11 required for reaching this position now makes visible the marking 17 under the first hole 16 with the smallest diameter. The color marking of the first hole 16 indicates to the user that the illumination device is in a current supply state in a position with minimal illumination. When the illumination is increased, the marking 17 appears sequentially in the holes 16 of increasing size. When the operating element 11 is in a position moved to the right to a stop, as illustrated in Fig. 5, the marking 17 is visible in the hole 16 with the greatest diameter, as illustrated in Fig. 6.